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## RECORD YIELD EXPECTED FOR WINTER WHEAT IN 2011

Based on July 1 conditions, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2011 production of tobacco and peaches are expected to be down, but the production of winter wheat is up 140 percent from 2010, according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office.

This year's **WHEAT** production is estimated at 11.2 million bushels – up 140 percent from last year. The acreage harvested for grain, at 190,000, is 60,000 acres above a year ago. This year's expected average yield of 59 bushels per acre is up 6 bushels from the June 1 forecast and 23 bushels above the 2010 yield.

The first **TOBACCO** forecast of the season places 2011 production at 24.7 million pounds - down 32 percent from last year. Harvested acres, at 14,500, are down 1,500 acres from last year. The July 1 yield forecast is 1,700 pounds per acre, down 550 pounds from 2010. Production has been affected by drought as most growers reported a warm and dry growing season this year. The majority of the crop was rated in fair to good condition as of July 3. Some growers reported exceptionally low yields due to the lack of rain.

Based on July 1 conditions, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2011 **PEACH PRODUCTION** is expected to total 90 thousand tons, unchanged from the June 1 forecast but down 18 percent from last year. Peach growers expect a smaller crop than last year.

## UNITED STATES 2011 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Wheat, Winter	1.49	Bil. Bu.	100 %
Oats	56.6	Mil. Bu.	70 %
Tobacco, Flue Cured	488.9	Mil. Lbs.	108 %
Peaches	1.13	Mil. Tons	98 %